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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please do not eliminate competition! It is a healthy thing and keeps prices down for the masses that need access to the internet to keep our country productive and advancing. There is untold potential amongst the masses and access to the internet might make the difference between discovering ideas that will save the planet or not allowing people's ideas to advance and come to fruition.

I pay almost \$70 per month for internet access. There are not many companies that serve my area which keeps the price high. If I were not a 53 year old woman making decent money this might be a hardship for me. The internet had become necessary for staying engaged in the day to day changes happening in our world, and should be available to everyone like water and electricity.

Please help keep our country from becoming more and more divided between rich and poor by keeping the internet accessible by both rich and poor, by keeping healthy competition in that marketplace and therefore keeping prices down. This is critical to the welfare of our communities.

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